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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (presently amended) A method for securing a plaintext object within a ~~set top box~~ ~~content receiver~~, the method comprising steps of: receiving a secure portion of a secure object; receiving a plaintext remainder of the secure object; determining which portion of the secure object is the secure portion; decrypting the secure portion to provide a plaintext portion; forming the plaintext object that comprises the plaintext portion and the plaintext remainder; and storing the plaintext object.

2. (presently amended) The method for securing the plaintext object within the set top box ~~content receiver~~ as recited in claim 1, further comprising steps of: selecting a secure portion of the plaintext object to encrypt; encrypting the secure portion; sending the secure portion and a plaintext remainder to a set top box ~~content receiver~~; and providing a key that is used in decryption of the secure portion.

3. (presently amended) The method for securing the plaintext object within the set top box ~~content receiver~~ as recited in claim 1, further comprising a step of reporting purchase of the plaintext object a point away from the set top box ~~content receiver~~.

4. (presently amended) The method for securing the plaintext object within the set top box ~~content receiver~~ as recited in claim 3, wherein the second listed receiving step is performed before the reporting step.

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5. (presently amended) The method for securing the plaintext object within the set top box content receiver as recited in claim 1, wherein the decrypting step comprises a step of decrypting the secure portion with an access control processor.

6. (presently amended) The method for securing the plaintext object within the set top box content receiver as recited in claim 1, wherein the secure portion is less than one-half the size of the secure object.

7. (presently amended) A method for securing a plaintext object within a conditional access system, the method comprising steps of: selecting a secure portion of the plaintext object to encrypt; encrypting the secure portion; sending the secure portion of the plaintext object to a set top box content receiver; sending a plaintext remainder of the plaintext object to the set top box content receiver; and providing a key to the set top box content receiver wherein the key is used in decryption of the secure portion.

8. (presently canceled)

9. (presently canceled)

10. (presently canceled)

11. (original) The method for securing the plaintext object within the conditional access system as recited in claim 7, further comprising a step of determining the secure portion wherein removal of the secure portion from the plaintext object renders the plaintext object inoperable.

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12. (presently amended) The method for securing the plaintext object within the conditional access system as recited in claim 7, further comprising a step of changing authorization of the set top box content receiver from a point remote to the set top box content receiver.

13. (presently amended) The method for securing the plaintext object within the conditional access system as recited in claim 7, further comprising a step of receiving purchase information from the set top box content receiver at a location remote to the set top box content receiver.

14. (original) The method for securing the plaintext object within the conditional access system as recited in claim 7, wherein the key is a symmetric key.

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